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Serial No. : 09/197,908  
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For : DIGITAL COMPUTER SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR MANAGING AN AUCTION MARKET FOR PREFERRED-RETURN SECURITIES  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

SIR :

This is a Petition for Extension of Time for two months to file the Brief on Appeal on Behalf of Appellant in the above-referenced patent application. The Notice of Appeal was filed on November 19, 2002, in the above-referenced patent application. If additional time is necessary, this Petition is to be deemed a Petition for such time as necessary to accept the

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Amendment and Response filed herewith.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235.

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